

On **Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm**, local restaurants will donate a percentage of their sales back to WHAS Crusade for Children. The following restaurants are participating in the “*Chowdown for Children*” event:

Buckhead Café
Burger King (three locations)
Double Dragon
Firehouse Pizza
Hartland Café at Holiday Inn University Plaza
Reece’s Bean Pot
Sbarro’s Restaurant
T.G.I. Friday’s (with coupon all day)
Waffle House (three locations)
Moe’s Southwest Bar and Grill
Zaxby’s (three locations)

Never heard of the WHAS Crusade for Children?

In short: The WHAS Crusade for Children, Inc. established in 1954 by WHAS-TV in Louisville, raises money for agencies, schools and hospitals to better the lives of special needs children.

I know what you are thinking. Sure, this is great, but what does this have to do with our community?

The Crusade is able to return 100 percent of all donations to organizations that serve special needs children in all 120 Kentucky counties and more than 50 southern Indiana counties.

So how does this happen?

Grants. Local organizations work toward the common goal set by the Crusade, and, voila, requesting organizations receive funding to deliver programming and services locally. Perhaps you’ve heard of us: Big Red School of Western Kentucky University, CASA of South Central Kentucky, Inc., **Caveland Education Support Center (GRREC)**, Family Enrichment Center, Kelly Autism Program of Western Kentucky University, Regional Child Development Clinics, Inc., South Central Kentucky Kids on the Block, VSA Arts of Kentucky, Western Kentucky University Research Foundation

Feeling enticed, yet?

After all, to help local special needs children, all you need to do is visit a participating restaurant. So take the night off to let a local restaurant prepare your meal. Relax. Nourish your body. Help the community. It’s a no-brainer.

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